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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

January 2007 Grand Jury '08 CR 0645 L

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. ISMAEL ORTEGA, Defendant.	Criminal Case No. ____________ I N D I C T M E N T Title 21, U.S.C., Secs. 952 and 960 - Importation of Marijuana; Title 21, U.S.C., Sec. 841(a)(1) - Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 3146 - Bail Jumping (Felony)

The grand jury charges:

Count 1

On or about December 10, 2007, within the Southern District of California, defendant ISMAEL ORTEGA did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 48.90 kilograms (approximately 107.58 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

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Count 2

On or about December 10, 2007, within the Southern District of California, defendant ISMAEL ORTEGA did knowingly and intentionally possess, with intent to distribute, approximately 48.90 kilograms (approximately 107.58 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

Count 3

On or about January 24, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant ISMAEL ORTEGA, did knowingly fail to appear as required before the United States District Court in San Diego, California, after having been released on or about December 21, 2007, pursuant to the Bail Reform Act of 1984 (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3141-3150) in connection with the felony charge of importation of marijuana, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3146.

DATED: March 5, 2008.

A TRUE BILL:

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